



DYNAMIC DUO: Steffen Peters and Scott Hassler at the 2013 Trainers' Conference

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Steffen Peters, Scott Hassler return to USDF Trainers' Conference

Each year, the Succeed/USDF FEI-Level Trainers' Conference brings one or more acclaimed clinicians to a sophisticated audience for two days of intensive learning, discussion, and demonstrations regarding the training of FEI-level dressage horses.

In January 2013, USDF welcomed Olympian Steffen Peters and USEF national young-horse coach Scott Hassler for one of the most well-received conferences in recent history (for a full report, see "Peters and Hassler Raise the Bar," April 2013).

Here's what some of the 2013 attendees had to say about the event:

Very valuable conference. Mr. Peters was clear in every way. His work with horses and riders was easy to follow, logical, and consistent. His athleticism allows us to see the clarity of his riding and training, and then we could see how he helped the horses be responsive to his training aids.

I have been going to Trainers' Conferences since 1998. This was by far the most educational and informative. The fact that Steffen could get on and ride and talk made the learning experience all the better.

Steffen is a master. Each horse he worked with became calmer and more focused. This is beyond great horsemanship.

This was my first year attending, and I really enjoyed it. Scott and Steffen were amazing presenters and were what drew me to sign up this year. I know we can learn a lot from Europe, but it would be nice to learn from and promote our top riders. Or we could just bring Steffen and Scott back! They were awesome!

I liked very much that Mr. Peters rode and lectured. I felt he worked really hard to help us.

This mixed format [riding and lecturing] allowed us to appreciate what [Peters] can do with the horses and how he

feels his way through each ride. It was both practical and inspiring.

Scott used the time between rides to bring up some of the highlights of the training sessions and to explain the "pipeline" of FEI development. This made for a good rhythm throughout the day.

I would come to this program again next year even if nothing were changed.

Steffen Peters was perfect in his role at this conference, both in his riding and in speaking about his training principles. His approach was very conducive to learning; I came away with some important lessons and ideas that were new to me. Scott Hassler also contributed some great insights and lessons and complimented Mr. Peters well.

Mr. Peters and Mr. Hassler were a great team and complimented each other well. It was well organized, timely and very informative.

We listened to what our attendees had to say, and we're thrilled to be able to bring Peters and Hassler back for an encore performance. They will be leading the 2014 Suc-

ceed/USDF FEI-Level Trainers' Conference January 20-21 at High Meadow Farm in Loxahatchee, FL.

Format and Details

In the format that was so well received the first time, Peters will assume the role of both rider and trainer as he alternately rides the demonstration horses and works with their regular riders. He'll lecture and discuss, both in and out of the saddle.

Hassler will offer his own insights from the ground and will engage in peer-to-peer discussion throughout the conference. He and Peters share similar training philosophies and collaborate well together, and each man offers slightly different insights and perspectives that enrich the learning experience.

Registration includes two full days with the clinicians and the demonstration horses and riders, an evening reception and lecture by Peters and Hassler, and lunches. For attendance criteria, a schedule of events, and registration and travel information, visit usdf.org. ▲



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